

U.S. Patent Application of Siegel et al. - 09/659,525 - Art Unit 3611 - SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**REMARKS**

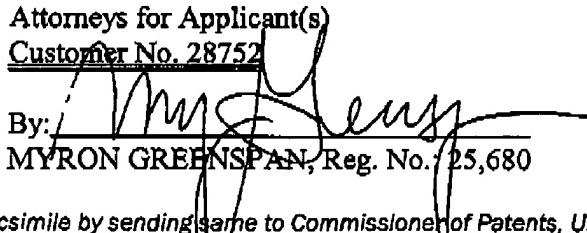
This Amendment is being filed on the basis of discussions with Examiner Davis about the amended claims submitted in the October 18, 2004 Supplemental Amendment. On this basis, claim 1 is here amended to clarify that the access means includes permanently alterable means that cooperates with the protective enclosure. It requires such permanently alterable means to initially obstruct the optical memory from being removed from the protective enclosure. The optical memory may be freely moved into or out of the protective enclosure, however, after the alterable means has been permanently altered so that the access means no longer has an effective and permanent means to obstruct the removal of the optical memory. The Examiner has indicated that this added language distinguishes over the prior art of record and would be favorably considered.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Early allowance is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

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